

WINE BEFORE.

One of the Pioneers Gone - Death of
Donson Henry Lawrence.

Henry Lawrence was born in Springfield, Mass., Oct. 31, 1828, and died at Grinnell, April 17, 1894. He was one of a family of ten children, his father being Wolcott Lawrence, afterward a Judge and Governor of Michigan, whither he had moved when his son Henry was ten years old, locating at Ann Arbor. Henry Lawrence, when he grew to manhood, went to Milan, Ohio, where with a relative he took his first lessons in banking. Afterwards he located at Sandusky. Here he found himself threatened with consumption and in the spring of 1851 he came west for his health. In Davenport he met J. B. Grinnell who easily persuaded him to come to this place, he being a first cousin of Mrs. J. B. Grinnell.

Here he followed the occupation of surveyor for some years and amassed considerable property, at one time owning 1,400 acres of land where Gilman is located. When J. B. Grinnell was elected to Congress Mr. Lawrence served as clerk in the treasury department in Washington.

September 13, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Abbie O. Clark. Eight children were born to them, seven of whom are still living, four daughters and three sons. For a few years he followed the occupation of a farmer. When J. B. Grinnell was made receiver of the Iowa Central he appointed Mr. Lawrence auditor. In 1877 when the Savings Bank was started, Mr. Lawrence became cashier, a position he has ever since filled with singular fidelity. He has also filled numerous positions of trust in church and town, all of which are slight testimonials of the confidence his fellow citizens had in his fidelity.

The funeral services were held in the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon, April 19.

A funeral march was played by Prof. Kimball, after which a quartet—Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Vittum, Messrs. John Walker and S. H. Herrick—sang "The Sands of Time."

After reading the words of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor., 15) concerning the resurrection, the pastor, Mr. Vittum, paid tribute to the faithfulness and worth of the deceased. He said:

We know if our friend were consulted he would wish to be laid to rest in a quiet unobtrusive way. But it is fitting, in view of the position he has occupied among us, that we should testify to something of our appreciation of his worth.

He was one of the band of pioneers who came here as associates of Mr. Grinnell in '54, of whom but three are now living, and his life is interwoven with all that is best and noblest in our town. Born in Massachusetts, early in life he removed with his parents to Ann Arbor, and afterwards came to Grinnell, not wholly unacquainted with the privations and hardships incident to settlement in a new country. At a time when it was believed impracticable to ever make the great country west of the Mississippi a fit abiding place for other than trapper and hunter, he, with a few other brave hearts, had faith in the possibilities of this immense tract of land, and especially of what is now the great commonwealth of Iowa and the town of Grinnell—one whose life went into the foundations of our beautiful little city.

He was a good man and true; one whose word was never doubted.

It is not inappropriate at this time to recall that he entered with zeal and strict integrity into the business interests of the growing settlement and experienced the ups and downs of business life; its reverses and its rewards. It was here that he laid the foundation of his home and family. He had not by five years reached the allotted three score and ten, but he had more than attained the average duration of human life, and much more than the average of integrity and faithfulness. He was a prayer-meeting christian; faithful in a double sense—full of faith, and true to all duty.

After addressing words of commendation and encouragement to the bereaved family, Mr. Vittum closed his remarks with an earnest prayer that comfort might be found by the desolated ones in helping one another, and that the lesson of the life just closed might be as a guiding star to the town in which it was spent, encouraging us to press on toward the goal of highest development in all that is true and of good report.

"Beyond the smiling and the weeping" was then sung by the quartet.

The bearers were E. S. Bartlett, H. H. Robbins, J. Macy, D. S. Morrison, C. F. Childs and S. A. Cravath.

Mr. R. M. Kellogg had charge of the funeral arrangements. The floral decorations were simple and exquisite. Among

them was a beautiful bouquet of roses and smiles, sent us as a token of sympathy by the class of '93, G. H. S., of which Mr. Frank Lawrence was a member.

Mr. Lawrence was held in high esteem by all who met him, a man of few words, and the strictest integrity. We can no better express the universal respect in which he was held than by giving the resolutions adopted by his business associates.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Grinnell Savings Bank, action was taken as follows:

WHEREAS, The death of Henry Lawrence deprives the Grinnell Savings Bank of its first and only cashier during its seventeen years of existence, therefore,
Resolved, That we spread upon our records the expression of our high appreciation.

The board of directors of the Merchants' National Bank have spread the following upon their minutes:

WHEREAS, The death of Henry Lawrence has taken away one who has been a citizen of Grinnell, and during seventeen years the cashier of the Grinnell Savings Bank, therefore,

At a meeting of the officers and directors of the First National Bank the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That in the death of Mr. Henry Lawrence, one of the founders of Grinnell, and a promoter of every good work, and one who was for some time a faithful officer of the bank, we have lost a valued citizen and friend;